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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 1746

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, NI, US, IS, UN  
SUBJECT: OBADANJO'S COMMENTS TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG RE ISRAEL  
AND SOUTH AFRICA

1. NEAR THE END OF THEIR LENGTHY CONVERSATION IN LAGOS FEBRUARY 10,  
OBADANJO TOLD AMBASSADOR YOUNG HE WAS DISTURBED BY THE APPARENTLY  
INCREASING SOUTH AFRICAN/ISRAELI CONNECTION, PARTICULARLY WITH  
REGARD TO SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. HE ASKED WHETHER THE US  
COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. YOUNG SAID WE WERE SIMILARLY CON-  
CERNED BUT WOULD HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT  
COMPLICATING OR INHIBITING EVIDENT CURRENT MOMENTUM TOWARD A  
SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE ALSO NOTED THE IMPORTANT  
ROLE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE THOUGHT THE  
RECENT OVERTURES TO ISRAEL FROM THE IVORY COAST WERE HELPFUL  
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IN THE SENSE THAT ISRAEL COULD SEE THEY WERE NOT TOTALLY ISOLATED  
OR TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONNECTION FOR FRIENDS  
AND ECONOMIC INTEROURSE. OBADANJO SAID NIGERIA WAS NOT UNDER  
INFLUENCE OF "OUR ARAB BROTHERS" WITH REGARD TO ISRAEL. HE  
SAID NIGERIA ALREADY HAD ISRAELI BUSINESSES IN NIGERIA AND WOULD  
WELCOME MORE. GARBA SAID NIGERIA HAD TRIED TO MODERATE BLACK  
AFRICAN PRESSURES TO PUNISH ISRAEL AND WOULD CONTINUE TO TRY TO DO

SO.  
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